MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): With reference to part (*b*), may I know from the member whether any one has applied for the agency?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) No one has applied.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the principle followed by the department in the matter of opening agricultural demonstration farms in the State?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Wherever Government find that there is necessity they open farms.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know, what is the method for finding out the necessity?

PRESIDENT: The need for such a farm would be the basis.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know, what are the objects already achieved in opening demonstration farms?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Teaching people how to conduct agriculture is one of the objects that has been achieved.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know what is the object of Government in opening demonstration farms?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It is to demonstrate to the people the maner in which how agriculture is to be carried on.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): Is there any rule that agricultural manure depots will be opened only on commission agency system?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. T K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): Are there no Government manure depots anywhere in Travancore under that system?

MR. T. C. THOMMAN (*Secretary to Government*): No.

Veterinary Hospital for Nedumangad taluk.

29 *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that there is the necessity of starting a Veterinary Dispensary or Hospital for the use of the agriculturists in Nedumangad taluk;

(*b*) whether there was any proposal to start a Veterinary Dispensary or Hospital in Nedumangad taluk; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, what action the Government have taken towards the starting of it?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Government have considered the proposal and have ordered that it may lie over for the present.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): In answer to part (*b*), may I know, when was the proposal to start a Veterinary Dispensary or Hospital accepted by Government?

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The proposal was made in November 1933 and the exact date of the acceptance may be somewhere about that time.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the reason why a proposal that was accepted in 1933 has been allowed to lie over till now?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): For want of funds.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether the Government are aware that there is a large number of plough cattle available in the Nedumangad taluk?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I have no fnformation.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Am I to understand then that Government are ignorant about the large number of plough cattle that are being taken away for sale in the several markets of the State?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Government are not aware that a large number of plough cattle are being taken for sale.

PRESIDENT: Are the Government aware that they are being taken for sale, never mind the number?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Then may I know, what was the particular reason for postponing the opening of the Veterinary Hospital in that particular taluk?

PRESIDENT: The question has already been answered.

The Onam Holidays

30. *MR. T. P VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the representations made in both Houses of the Legislature that the number of public holidays in connection with the Onam festival be raised to 10; and

(*b*) the action taken by Government in the matter?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The subject is under consideration.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether the Government will take necessary action to raise the number of public holidays in connection with the Onam festival as in the case of Christmas holidays?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer to part (*b*) says that the matter is under consideration.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether the Government are aware that the Hindu population of the State attach much importance to the Onam festival?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

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